

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

The Parking
Problem

THE Colony's traffic problem, particularly on the island, is a complex one. The two principal headaches are: maintaining an orderly flow of traffic, and parking.

The authorities can be credited with successfully dealing with bottlenecks and traffic jams, and even parking within the central district is easier than it was. But the future for motorists who desire to park their cars within reasonable walking distance of their offices is pretty bleak.

In due time the central reclamation will no longer be available for cars and how that lost space is going to be replaced is not easy to visualise. The solution would be readily at hand if Government had in its possession the military lands off Queen's Road Central and the naval yard. But that is wishful thinking.

A remedy might partially be found in the allocation of some of the final section of the central reclamation scheme (between the present Star Ferry pier and the Vehicular Ferry pier) as a public parking area. This might involve the imposition of tolls to help pay for the cost of the reclamation, but the site appears to be the only feasible alternative to the existing parking lots on the waterfront.

Meanwhile the question is posed whether the traffic department is wise to continue its system of nose-to-tail parking in highways such as Pedder Street and Chater Road. Undoubtedly motorists generally do not like it, which is hardly surprising when (as happened one day last week) an owner driver finds he has to employ manual labour to move his small car from its parking space in Pedder Street because it has become squeezed in between two large limousines. But the biggest objection to nose-and-tail parking is that it wastes space. Twice as many cars can be parked under the run-in method and in one-way thoroughfares such as Chater Road and Pedder Street, the danger of accidents is not increased. We feel that in the interests of motorists the traffic department, wherever possible, should adopt the run-in diagonal form of parking.

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Commandos

Malta, Sept. 7.
Men of headquarters No. 3 commando brigade and No. 40 royal marine commando were warned over the island's relay system tonight to be back in barracks with kit packed by 7.30 a.m. local time, tomorrow.

All unofficial reports point to the men being Cyprus bound, but an official spokesman said only that troops "will be on the move in the near future."—Reuter.

2 PLANES
COLLIDE:
3 KILLED

Las Vegas, Sept. 7.
Three persons were killed today in a collision of two Air Force planes from nearby Nellis Air Force Base.

Two Air Force men and a civilian photographer died when a B-25 collided with an F-86 Sabrejet. The bomber crashed and burned at McCarran field. The Sabrejet pilot, Maj. Edward Davis, parachuted to safety. His plane cleared two trailers parked on the eastern edge of the city by about 10 feet before crashing about 50 feet away.

David Lees, 35-year-old Las Vegas photographer, died at the Nellis hospital of injuries suffered in the crash and subsequent fire.—United Press.

Clashes With
Rebels

Salon, Sept. 7.
South Vietnamese troops have killed 51 Hoa Hao rebels in two clashes in South Vietnam, the Army announced today. They took 15 prisoners.

Forty-eight members of the politico-religious sect defying Premier Ngo Dinh Diem's regime were slain and 15 captured in the Yalien region on the Cambodian frontier. The Army suffered five wounded.

Three Hoa Hao officers were killed and rebel ammunition supplies seized in an ambush sprung by the Army near Long Xuyen, 120 miles west of Saigon.—United Press.

British
Reinforcements
Ready

MINESWEEPERS TO
SAIL THIS WEEK

London, Sept. 8.

Britain was preparing to rush reinforcements to troubled Cyprus as the three-power conference on the island's future ended in deadlock last night.

The British Government, fearing fresh terrorism by the Cypriot Greeks demanding "Enosis" (union with Greece), made known that fresh naval forces would steam to Cyprus later this week.

These vessels—a naval supply ship and a squadron of minesweepers—follow in the wake of a 630-strong commando force now on its way from Malta.

Mr. Fatin Zorlu, Turkey's Foreign Minister, did not comment on the substance of a British compromise plan to give the people of Cyprus home rule under the British Crown. But he said: "It is impossible to try for self-government without first getting a surety that Greece will give up its idea and campaign for self-determination."

The text of the statement of the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Macmillan, on self-determination for Cyprus, made yesterday in the conference in reply to questions by Mr. Zorlu, was published last night as a conference document.

Britain's Trust

Mr. Zorlu asked the British Foreign Secretary "Does the British Government intend to maintain in the present and in the future the right of sovereignty on the island of Cyprus developed upon Great Britain by the Treaty of Lausanne?"

Mr. Macmillan summarised the strategic considerations which led Britain to undertake the administration of Cyprus in 1878 and then said: "Therefore, while we cannot look into the future at a very great distance, we cannot foresee conditions enabling us to abandon in one direction or another the trust we undertook and which we must still carry out."

Referring to his statement at the start of the conference on August 30 that Britain must retain sovereignty of Cyprus, Mr. Macmillan said: "Nothing has since occurred in any way to modify that view and I am bound to say that there is no prospect of any change in the foreseeable future."

Mr. Zorlu then asked whether Britain did "for the present or for the future accept any principle of self-determination which might ultimately lead to the independence of the island or to its accession to another country?"

Mr. Macmillan replied: "I think I have already answered that question, Mr. Zorlu. We do not accept the principle of self-determination as one of universal application. We think that exceptions must be made in view of geographical, traditional, historical and strategic and other considerations."

Unable To Agree

Turning to the question of self-determination Mr. Macmillan said that the conference should place on record that it was "unable to agree upon the problem of the future international status of Cyprus."

He said that the conference could agree that each government should continue to maintain the position it had adopted on self-determination. He proposed that it should be expressly recognised that their attitude on the question of sovereignty would not be invalidated by co-operation over the introduction of self-government.

Mr. Macmillan said: "When the new Constitution has come into working order in Cyprus, the British Government would be prepared to call the conference together again to take counsel once more together on

Precautions

Nicosia, Sept. 7.
Full security precautions were being observed on Cyprus tonight against a possible outbreak of terrorism following the suspension of the tripartite talks in London.

These precautions have been maintained throughout the conference.

News of the suspension of the conference came as no surprise to political circles here.

The right-wing Greek Cypriots, led by Archbishop Makarios, have been sceptical of the conference's success since the beginning. The Archbishop was tonight preparing to address church crowds at the Kykko monastery, 60 miles southwest of here, tomorrow.—Reuter.

Shepherd Slain

Nicosia, Sept. 7.
A Turkish shepherd was shot dead last night by unidentified assailants while tending his flocks at Chalos, a village in the Famagusta area.

There was no indication whether this was connected with the riots which swept the Greek and Turkish mainlands over the future of this island.

However, the Greek Consulate here was guarded by (Contd. on back page, Col. 3)

TUC REDS
ROUTED

Southport, Sept. 7.

Results announced at the end of the day's session of the Trade Union Congress here showed that Communists were completely routed in the elections for the Congress' 35-member General Council.

All members were re-elected with the exception of one, who did not stand because of his pending retirement.

One of the Communists defeated was Mr. Arthur Horner, Secretary of the National Union of mineworkers. He was next to the bottom of the poll in his group.

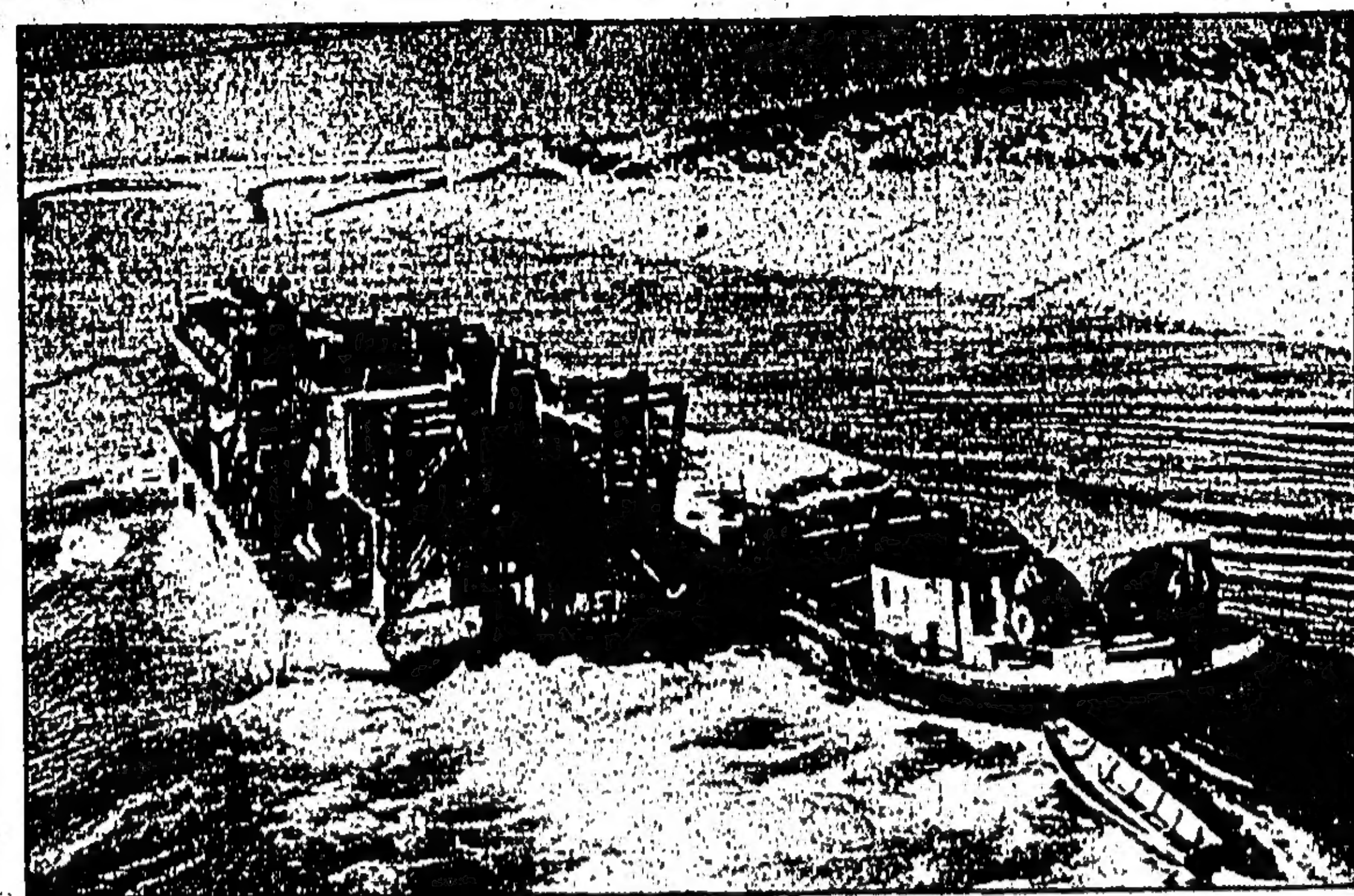
The conference will be resumed tomorrow.—Reuter.

Rockets To Fly 132 Miles Into Space

Belfast, Sept. 7.
New American research rockets which will probe the secrets of space are expected to reach a height of 132 miles "or even better," a United States scientist said here today.

Dr. H. Edwards of the United States Air Force Research and Development Command said the "final sessions of an international conference of scientists concerned with upper at-

IT'S COMING TO HONGKONG SHORTLY



Picture above shows one of the two large bucket dredgers that the Societe Francaise d'Enterprises de Dragages et de Travaux Publics will use in the construction of the new Kai Tak runway. The dredgers, which were used in the construction of the new Donzere-Mondragon Canal, returned to Marseilles, last month. They are at present being fitted out for the sea voyage to Hongkong and are due to leave about the middle of the month. The voyage is expected to take two and a half months.

PORT OF
NEW YORK
PARALYSED

New York, Sept. 7.

The Secretary of the International Longshoremen's Union, Captain Bradley, tonight declared: "The port of New York is paralysed."

Captain Bradley made his statement following the decision of the 11,000-man union to cease work because the port arbitration commission had shown a "discriminatory" attitude towards its members in recent decisions.

Bradley also said that longshoremen in Quebec, Montreal and Halifax, Canada, and St. John, Newfoundland, will meet on Thursday to decide whether or not to join the New York strikers.

Today, several transatlantic liners, among them the Ile De France and the Queen Mary, were able to weigh anchor due to efforts of crew members and the willingness of passengers to carry their own baggage aboard.

The New York Shipowners Association also said today it plans to sue the Union for damages resulting from the strike. They will also seek a court injunction against its continuation.—France-Press.

Border Incidents

Tel-Aviv, Sept. 7.

An Israeli army spokesman today reported more incidents along Israel's Jordan and Syrian borders.

The spokesman said that an Israeli police patrol boat in the sea of Galilee was fired upon by a Syrian army post. Jordan infiltrators cut telephone lines and blew up a fish pool at Tirt Zwi settlement, south of the Galilee Sea, the Israeli spokesman also said.—France-Press.

DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS

"Significant" But
Hush-Hush Statement By
Russian Delegate

United Nations, Sept. 7.

Russia's Arkady Sobolev broke his silence with a "significant" statement on disarmament today, but the Western powers joined him in dropping an iron curtain of secrecy around his remarks.

For six days, the Western powers have sought to draw out Mr. Sobolev in the United Nations Disarmament Sub-Committee concerning the Kremlin's views toward President Eisenhower's military inspection plan.

Informed sources said Mr. Sobolev made a "significant" statement in today's two and a half hour session of the five-nation group, but the Russian and spokesmen for all four Western powers refused to report what he said.

One high source said Mr. Sobolev's remarks might develop into "big news."

But the Western powers, who accused Russia of repeatedly breaking the secrecy agreement that surrounded sub-committee talks from their start in London last spring, apparently feared a similar charge from the Kremlin if they released Mr. Sobolev's remarks before the Russian chose to do so.

Mr. Sobolev's abandonment of his substantive silence, it was learned, came as he was making preliminary remarks on the French "budgetary control" disarmament plan proposed by Premier Edgar Faure.

THE FAURE PLAN

The Faure Plan, as outlined by the French delegate Jules Moch, in essence called for arms reduction in terms of military budgets with a control system based on an examination of the fiscal figures of each government.

An added feature was that each government would contribute to a fund for underdeveloped countries part of the savings effected under the plan for reducing military expenses.

The West, at best, appeared to have taken a dim view of the Faure Plan.

Mr. Harold Stassen, President Eisenhower's special aide on disarmament, praised the idea as "brilliant" and talked of its "magnificent merit."

But he said it could not stand alone and could be useful only as part of a comprehensive plan for reducing arms.

He noted that the plan as presented by M. Moch contained no provision for coping with the fear underlying the American desire for an exchange of military blueprints and the right of aerial and ground inspection: thus a ground attack

Troops
And Tanks
Patrol
Istanbul

Istanbul, Sept. 7.
Tanks and troops with fixed bayonets tonight patrolled the streets of Istanbul where 54 people have been arrested and two thousand are being questioned about last night's anti-Greek riots.

President Celal Bayar presided over a Turkish Cabinet meeting today at which possible measures against any future demonstrations were discussed.

It was reported today that fires broke out in 54 buildings last night including 19 Greek orthodox churches. Military reinforcements have been arriving in Istanbul during the day from nearby towns.

9 HOURS OF RIOTING

Fifty-seven people were reported hurt in nine hours of anti-Greek demonstrations last night in Izmir (Smyrna) where police dispersed a new group of demonstrators today. Izmir police have detained 108 people. A car and a lorry were pushed into the sea there.

The riots in which thousands of Turks shouted "Cyprus is Turkish" followed a dynamite attack yesterday on the Turkish consulate in Salonika. A Turkish communique broadcast today reported the riots "with regret" and said many of the demonstrators were Communist-inspired.—Reuter.

Envoy Lodges
Vigorous Protest

Moscow, Sept. 7.

US Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen has lodged a "vigorous protest" with the Soviet Government against the holding at gunpoint of US Rep. Joseph Holt by a Soviet soldier on Aug. 31, it was learned today.

Rep. Holt was held at gunpoint for an hour by a Soviet Army senior lieutenant while taking pictures in Moscow during his recent trip here.

Ambassador Bohlen made a verbal protest and also left a note of protest with the Soviet Government.—United Press.

Slain Teacher's
Body Exhumed

Amiens, Sept. 7.

The body of the 29-year-old Nottingham school teacher, Janet Marshall, murdered near here 12 days ago, was exhumed at La Chaussee Tiranourt cemetery today.

Dr. Beauvois, who conducted the autopsy on Miss Marshall after her half naked body was found in a roadside copse, took out internal organs which were sent to Paris for laboratory analysis.—China Mail Special.

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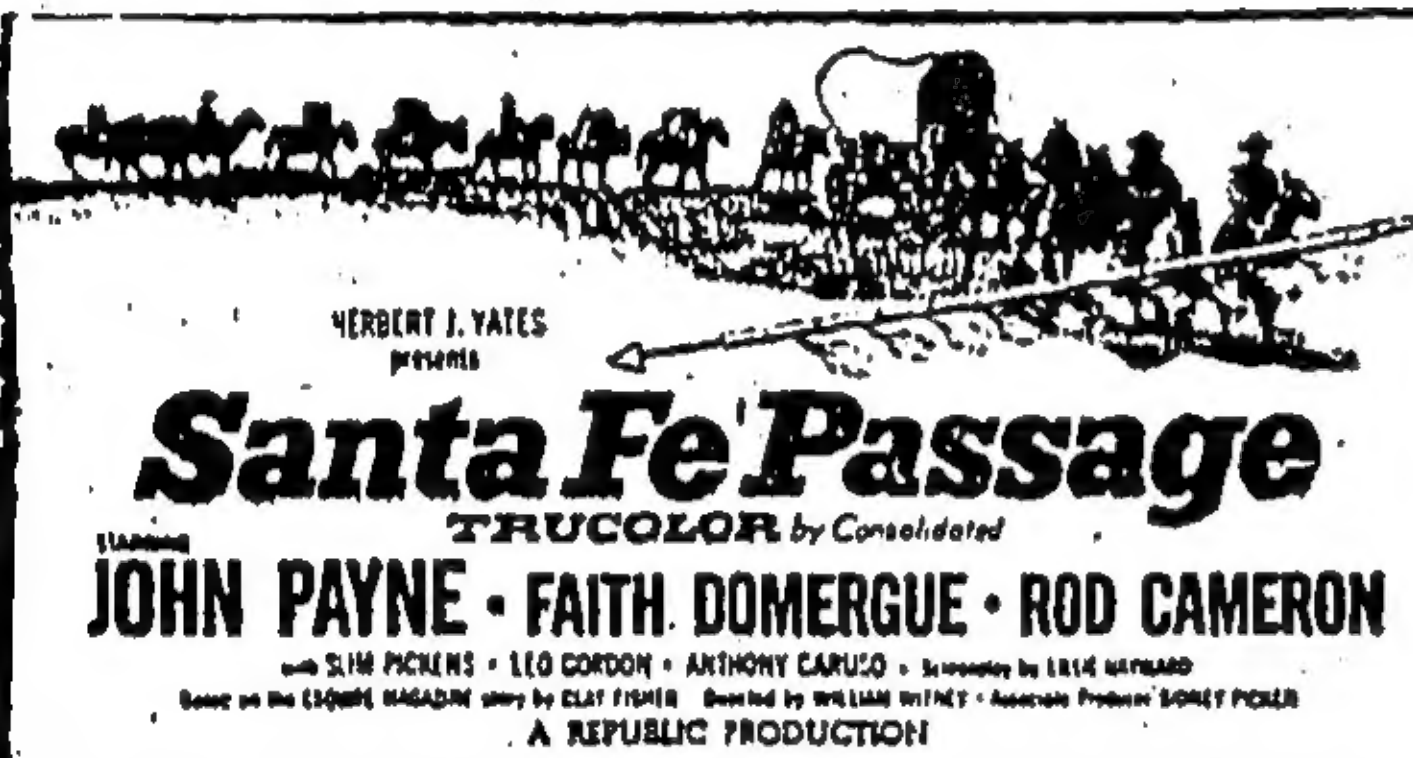
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Typewriter For Cripples

A German company has produced this typewriter, a machine specially designed to help cripples. Many of the normal hand operations of the machine have been replaced by feet operation, including the tabulator, spacing, carriage return etc.—Express Photo.

NEW S. AFRICAN GOLD ERA

London, Sept. 7.

South Africa's gold industry entered a new epoch tonight with declaration of the maiden dividends from the new goldfield in the Orange Free State.

The dividends came from three of the 11 mines in the new field. They were one shilling per share from President Brand, six pence per share from President Steyn and one shilling and sixpence per share from Western Holdings. All three are in the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa group.

The other eight mines in the new field have not yet reached the stage of paying dividends.

South Africa now has the world's two largest goldfields, since the Free State field ranks second only to the Rand goldfield in the Transvaal.

Existence of gold in the Free State, as an extension of the Rand, has been surmised since the beginning of this century. The pioneer borehole was put down as long ago as 1934. It was stopped at 4,000 feet. It had been continued another 400 feet it would have struck the Oost River, the great gold carrier of the Orange Free State.

First Shaft

Sinking of the first shaft in the Free State was started on New Year's Day of 1947.

Not less than £150 million has been spent on exploring and developing the Orange Free State goldfield.

Until now, goldmining dividends have always been announced in December and June. It has been known for some time that when dividends started from the Free State mines of the Anglo-American group and

possibly from other groups, their dividend seasons would be September and March.

The South African Government is believed to approve of this procedure. It has some smoothing effect on South Africa's income flow, and on her balance of payments.—Reuter.

Sidon Disaster**ADMIRAL COMMENDS****RESCUERS****First Shaft**

Portsmouth, Sept. 7. Five officers and men of the Royal Navy who took part in rescue operations when the submarine Sidon sank after an explosion in Portland, Dorset, on June 16 have been specially commended.

Thirteen men lost their lives in the disaster. Admiral of the Fleet Sir George Creasy, Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, in an order issued today said that the Sidon's commander, one of the men commended, did not leave the submarine "until satisfied that there was nothing more he could do."

Two of these commended are of the crew of the submarine depot ship Maldstone which helped in rescue operations. The Admiral added that the conduct of the whole of the Sidon's crew was exemplary and in the highest traditions of the Royal Navy.—China Mail Special.

POP

United Nations, Sept. 7. The Security Council will meet on Thursday at the request of the Western Big Three in an attempt to give a permanent character to the shaky ceasefire between Egypt and Israel.

The United States, Britain and France will offer a proposal to the 11-nation Council calling upon the embittered neighbours to end the retaliatory raids on each other and to co-operate with the United Nations in working out a permanent peace along the Egyptian-Israeli border.

Dr Ting-fu Tsiang of China, the Council President, will call the meeting to order. France requires that the representatives of Egypt and Israel be invited to sit at the Council table.

Tomorrow's meeting was quickly arranged in consultations among the three Western powers. Abiyin Eban, the Israeli delegate, and Omar Loutfi, Egyptian delegate, will be prepared to address the Council but there was no certainty that they would do so. "We did not ask for the meeting," an Israeli spokesman emphasised.

Back Up Efforts

Although the Big Three asked for the meeting in the hope of strengthening the possibility of peace in the Middle East, there were indications that Maj-Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UN truce supervisor, had suggested that it would be a good idea for the Security Council to back up his efforts to make peace in the Gaza area.

General Burns and the UN Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld, have been working together closely to devise a workable plan for keeping Egypt and Israel from each other's throats.

General Burns, in a report on the Gaza situation made public yesterday, recommended that a "physical barrier" be set up along the Egyptian-Israeli border and that military outposts and patrols of the two countries remain at least 1,040 feet from the demarcation line.

These are merely additions to General Burns' formula for peace in that region, outlined in reports to the UN last November 16 and March 17.

Earlier Plan

His earlier plan had provided for:

1. Joint border patrols.
2. An agreement by local commanders.
3. A barbed wire obstacle along some parts of the line.
4. Manning all outposts and patrols with regular Egyptian and Israeli troops.

His latest suggestion, the physical barrier, is presumed to refer to the barbed wire obstacle.

Western sources believed that Russia would agree to the proposed resolution, but there was no confirmation from the Soviet delegation, which seldom reveals its moves in advance.

US observers estimated that the Council could dispose of the latest Palestine question swiftly, perhaps in one meeting.—United Press.

EL GLAUI BACK IN CASABLANCA

Casablanca, Sept. 7. Strong police forces lined the docks here today as El Glaoui, powerful Pasha of Marrakesh and strongest supporter of the aged Sultan, Ibn Arafa, returned from talks in France on a new deal for the protectorate of Morocco.

An aide as he landed El Glaoui requested an interview with the new French Resident-General, General Pierre Boyer de Latour, who is in Rabat.—Reuter.

Balkan Alliance**King Paul And Tito Make Pledge**

Belgrade, Sept. 7.

King Paul of Greece, here on an eight-day state visit, and President Tito of Yugoslavia today pledged their countries to future co-operation with each other and with Turkey in the framework of the Balkan Alliance.

Speaking at a lunch given by President Tito in the King's honour, both declared that their countries would further develop Balkan co-operation in the interest of world peace.

The lunch was attended by Mr Sudi Kavur, the Turkish Ambassador. He was the only foreign diplomat invited.

President Tito had been a pillar of stability in the Balkans, and an example of co-operation between countries with different ways of government.

Shared Feeling

King Paul said in reply that the Greek Government and people shared President Tito's deep feeling for the future of the three-power Balkan Alliance.

The Yugoslav Foreign Secretary, Mr Koca Popovic, urged in a statement to the Greek news agency, Athen Agence, that priority in future Balkan Alliance co-operation should pass from defence to economic and cultural ties.

He recommended, that, without neglecting future defence co-operation—"the emphasis of co-operation should be placed on economic, cultural and other fields where wide prospects of work exist."—Reuter.

Loving Cup For Calgary

Calgary, Sept. 7. The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Seymour Howard, presented a golden loving cup to Calgary last night, to commemorate the golden jubilee of Alberta's admission to the Dominion of Canada.

The Lord Mayor, who is touring Western Canada, said: "The world is so full of issues that divide and separate men from one another that we feel the unity of the Commonwealth is one of the most precious gains, rescued from the long human conflicts."

He described his tour as "a pilgrimage to the shrine of empire."

He will present a similar cup to Edmonton, the capital of Alberta today.—China Mail Special.

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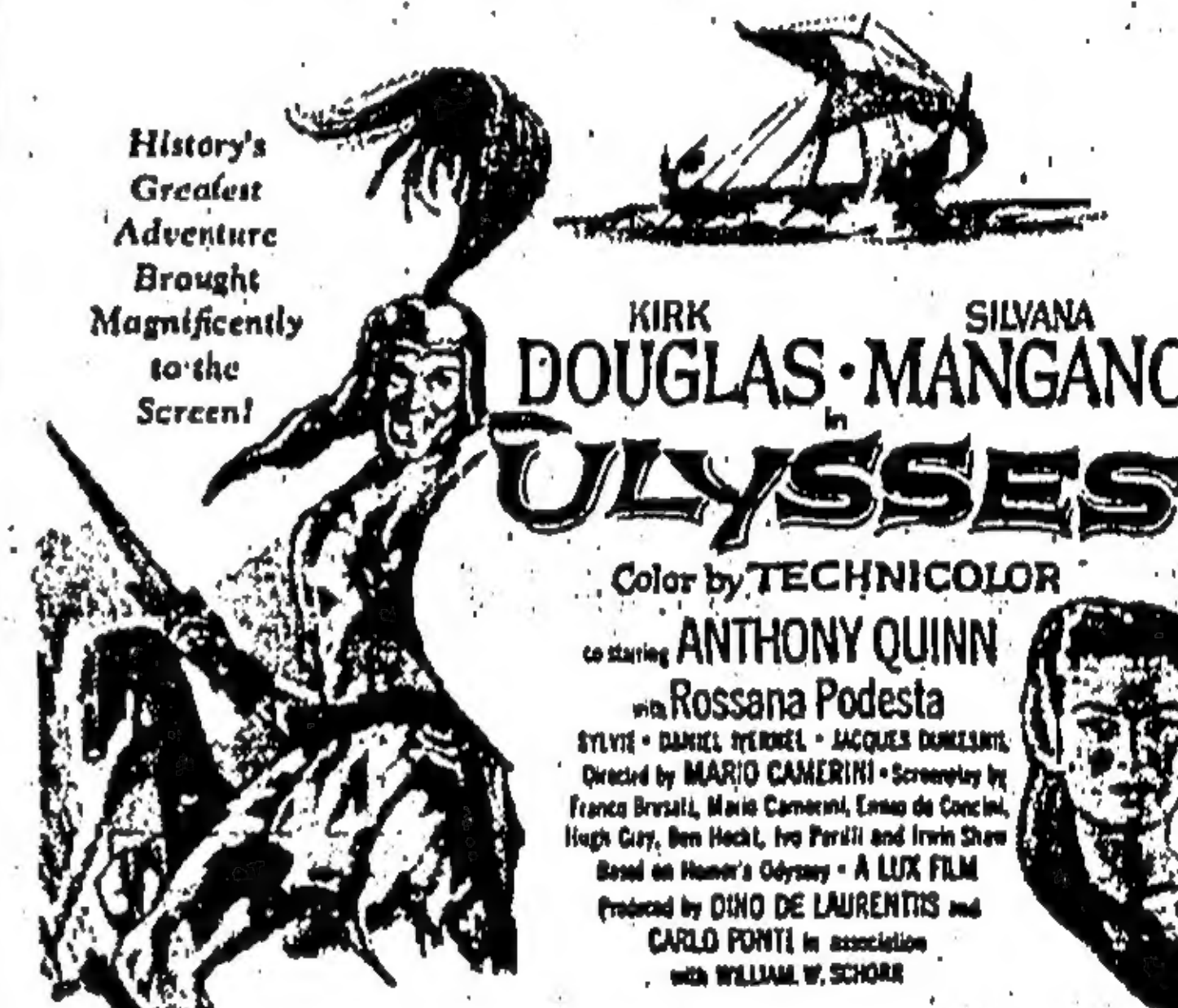
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DOING PARIS IN THE LAZY SEASON

By KAY CAMPBELL

PARIS in this season is a city deserted. Any one who can do so escapes to the Riviera, and the tourist arriving from overseas is often disappointed to find the stark message "Fermeture Annuelle" pinned on the shut doors of her favourite antique shops and boutiques.

It is not the best time to eat cheaply in Paris, either. The little frateries and restaurants on the Left Bank of the Seine, which serve the city workers and students, also close their hospitable doors, and the streets remain deserted.

Yet there are advantages in lingering in Paris during the "fashionable" season. You can always get yourself a taxi—if you are prepared to be hurried from one end of the city to another at a fair-paying pace. You can also get a seat in the Metro, surely the noisiest underground railway in the world.

Cassions of the all-pervading scent of garlic, the Metro authorities did try to make it more palatable by spraying each station with a different perfume, but even that seems to have been suspended for the summer.

Dog Wear

What, then, can you do in Paris during the *Fermeture Annuelle*?

You can wander through the big stores, which are almost deserted except for Americans darting from counter to counter looking for souvenirs. Or you can wander along Rue St Honoré and gaze into the windows of the specialty shops.

My favourite one announces that it sells "tout pour le chien" and, indeed, the whole of its windows are devoted to items of dog wear. There are rubber boots for dogs of all sizes from miniature poodle to Alsatian; dog beds with embroidered satin covers; and rubber toys shaped and coloured like succulent lamb chops. There are all kinds of collars, including one in kid designed to look like a stiff white dress collar and bow tie; there are even bottles of perfume for "nos amis les chiens."

Also well worth while visiting at any season is the famous Marche aux Puces, or flea market. You buy a Metro ticket to Porte de Clignancourt and the train takes you to the fringe of the city and a long road set out with market stalls.

Here you can buy sickly, highly-coloured sweets or gaudy American-style ties and curious men's jackets belted clumsily at the waist and apparently cut out of blanket cloth.

But the real flea market is tucked away behind these stalls in a huge courtyard of cobblestones. It is a little town of primitive shacks, housing curiosities of every kind from all over the world.

Hidden Away

One stall has nothing but ancient items of clothing—yellowed ivory fans, satin slippers with silver buckles and navy Victorian gowns. You can rummage to your heart's content through a box containing scraps of Alençon and Brussels lace, intermingled with pieces of jet, old necklaces and rosaries. Hidden away in the shadow, watching you but never pressing you to buy, is the owner of the stall, an old woman who smokes a pipe.

Other stalls specialise in kitchen utensils. Here you can pick up for about £1 a 19th century jelly-mould in copper, fashioned into the shape of some fantastic castle. There are huge iron ladles, milk measures and pewter platters, too. Another stall only sells suits of armour, but most stock old furniture, pictures and decorative pieces. You can spend hours wandering around, lost in the past, and find some knick-knack to remind you of your visit.

If you tire of the flea market, you can follow the French custom of a ride to Robinson, on the Ligne de Sceaux. Robinson is a curious wooded resort in the suburbs of Paris which has built up its reputation on the story of Robinson Crusoe shipwrecked on a desert island.

Eating Habits

It has a statue of "le Vicux Robinson" and, around it, a curious collection of restaurants, cafe bars and dance halls, some carved out of rock like caves, others perched precariously in the trees.

Having accustomed yourself to the screech of the jazz band trumpet and the high price of refreshment (two lemonades ten shillings), you can sit at the tables under the trees or up in them if you wish, shaded from the afternoon sun, and watch the Paris teenagers go by. You can ride on the swings and roundabouts, or walk through the frankly face grotesque and, having tired of it all, climb to a public park on the hilltop where you can relax and gaze at the country below.

you without anyone demanding payment.

The eating habits of Paris people are changing noticeably. The currently smart place for afternoon refreshment is no longer the corner cafe, but a Salon de The, and the most popular one of all is W.F. Smith's English Tea-rooms in the Rue de Rivoli. There are thronged with well-to-do French and one or two homesick English.

Gone are the leisurely meals, chosen after long discourse, with a choice bottle of wine and much conversation. Instead, hot-dog bars and "le Stock-buck" are springing up everywhere, and even the restaurants are becoming "self-service."

Today you are swept past laden counters in a Gellie frenzy, grasping what dishes you can. At the same time you try to understand the cashier as her shrill cry of "Quatre-cent francs" is drowned by the ping of the cash register.



I had never known what cocoa was for until then...

IT was just before the fall of Cherbourg that the Admiralty told me to report to the captain of a destroyer at Portsmouth.

Being one of the BBC's war reporting unit, I was anxious for anything that would give me a lead as to the possible date when Cherbourg might fall. On arrival at Portsmouth, and following my further instructions, I found myself slithering over a narrow gangway to arrive on board one of HM destroyers.

On her grey hull was a number, but on the forefront of her bridge was the name Onslow, and I knew that I was consorting with one of the famous among the greyhounds of the war-time seas. I made my number with the captain, who was a breezy young commander who always seemed in a hurry to get said what he had to say. The words tumbled out of his mouth.

Steely eyes

This three-ringer RN was, I should say, around 35 or 36, and had a habit as he went about his ship of taking everything in from the corners of his eyes. Never a detail out of place escaped these steely blue eyes with the wrinkles at the corners—wrinkles acquired, I suppose, from looking long distances for lengthy periods at sea. He told me his orders were sealed, but that he would put me, as he called it, "in the picture" later on.

When I came up on deck, the ship's company were busy making ready to put to sea, and pretty soon we were gliding in that slightly vicious way that destroyers have smoothly out towards the Nab.

Strange funnel

That night I learned what our mission was: it seemed that the Admiralty wished to know whether the coastal guns along the Bay of Biscay were still being manned by the Germans. The commander was to sail in company with an eight-gun cruiser, and a Polish destroyer with a strange funnel which everybody in Pompey must have known during the war, and coax the coastal batteries into showing their hand.

"Fine thing," I thought, "here we go being gunnery again!" I had obtained permission before we left, to have a friend of mine, a young naval lieutenant from the Canadian Navy, come along for the ride. He was a PRO from Canadian Naval HQ in London.

My friends spoke as though he was keen for some action, so I hoped that the trip would at least be productive for the visiting fireman as well as for my story for the BBC war report.

As dusk closed down, we came abreast of the shadows on the western horizon that, the commander told me, were the islands of Jersey and Guernsey, and were manned by German batteries of some sort. The gun crews must have been saying their evening "Pro-sits," for we sailed by in the dusk without any warning of flashes from those shadows on the horizon.

We steamed round the Cherbourg peninsula during the night, and in the morning, sure enough, there was our cruiser, grey and beautiful in the blast of the eastern sunrise, and running interference for her like a good bird-dog, was the Polish destroyer.

I had come up on the bridge, and Number One was just finishing his watch. He was dark and lean and young. He had a muller round his neck and most of him was about 22 years old, I should say—except his eyes, and those were much older. As I and my young Canadian naval friend arrived up on the bridge, one of the signalmen appeared with a tray containing mugs of cocoa and gave us each one. I had never known what cocoa was for, until then. If you have been perplexed, too—just try it at sea, in the early morning on a destroyer—but it must be hot.

By STANLEY MAXTED



STANLEY MAXTED certainly took part in the Arnhem glider operation. That was his most memorable assignment as a BBC war reporter. The question arises: why this story must be told is why he also went with the Navy to Biscay. Maxted was born at Folkestone in 1925, and served in the 1944-45 war with the Canadian Army. Apart from broadcast writing, he has since the war figured in films and plays. He is married, has four children, and lives in Eaton Square.

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Suicide

The day glared up hot, clear and beautiful, and Onslow started to make inshore a little. You'd have thought the commander was trying to commit suicide. He was not. He knew exactly what he was doing. I tried to find out from the navigator where we were, and on his charts just opposite our plotted course, I could see the conventional signs for a signal station, a radar station and shore batteries.

Between us and the shore, there must have been a couple of dozen British fishing boats, becalmed. They made a fine sight with their sails, bright blue, bright red, yellow, white, rust coloured... there they lay in the sea like an uneven mirror. Their reflected picture came towards us in ripples. The commander drew alongside one of them and court-

ly ordered the skipper to come on board. He came with some trepidation, and with no shoes on. Up on the bridge we all tried him out with our slight smattering of French and much waving of arms, to take the place of our missing vocabulary: "Les Allemands, est-ce qu'ils avaient des canons par là?"

The Breton looked at us, first at one and then at another and shrugged his shoulders. Then Number One took a hand. He pointed to the shore, then pointed down to the four mounds of the destroyer's forward turret which was now swang around, and trained on the shore, and then got down on one knee and exploded a shell with his arms as though he came from the shore over the destroyer, and burst.

His pantomime was so good, that the Breton understood right away, and a light came into his eyes. He nodded his head vigorously, which we took to mean that the shore batteries were manned. Just then, a signalman reported that the signal tower was calling us, and sure enough, a blue-banded light came crackling out from the top of the tower ashore. The yeoman signaller mumbled to himself as he read, then looked in his code-book and said: "They are making: 'What is the name of your ship?', sir."

The captain wrote in block letters and handed the slip to the yeoman of signals, who, stony faced, clapped it out on the bridge signal lamp. It was an unprintable comment in German, and the last clank had hardly come from the lamp when a flash and a belch of smoke on shore, followed by another one just like it, gave us warning of what was to come. It wasn't long either.

They didn't get a very good look at it, however, because the German ship brought them down. They were able to glide a couple of miles before ditching, and had been paddling for two and a half hours since then. They were able to give the captain the rough position of the German ship at that time, and after a signal to the cruiser, away we went, flat out.

They were the crew of a Beaulieu of Coastal Command who had attacked what they thought was a German freighter. This ship was a Speer-brecher—a German Q-boat that looks like a cargo ship, but carries more armament than a fort in the Maginot line. The boys reported a hit on her and the fact that they saw a fire on board from one of their bombs.

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Vanished

There was a shriek, followed by another, and a great spout of water went up inshore, and then another one just beyond us. They had the ship bracketed first time. Somehow or other, the Breton fisherman had vanished, and we saw him clambering on to his own craft.

The commander ordered "full ahead both—hard a-starboard—make smoke." The slim steel ship looked like a grey goose coming in to land, as she leaned over and sped away.

There was a thunder from the west, and through the smoke

crippled ship, and the stabs of flame of her salutes bit up into the early evening sun. The Polish destroyer, too, tore in a great wide circle past the German ship, and let go her torpedoes. There was a terrific spout of water near her bow, and then we heard the dull boom of the explosion.

Meanwhile, the cruiser had found the range and pounded the German unmercifully. Through binoculars I could see her crew clambering around and trying to launch her boats. There was most fire returned from the stricken ship. She settled slowly by the bow, stood up on her nose and slid under the littered Bay of Biscay.

Alerted

We now resumed our course and steamed south as night fell. By 11 p.m. that night the radar boys were reporting enemy aircraft somewhere around, and the lookouts were alerted. I did not know where she came from, for I hadn't heard her engines, but out of the darkness from nowhere, a heavy bomber came in low, dropped a bomb which missed us, and raked us from stem to stern with her machine guns.

A little Welshman beside where I was standing, swung his Oerlikon turret and fired after her. We couldn't see the aircraft, but we could hear her engines now as she circled back and we knew, we were for it again.

The captain yelled into the loudhailer for the gunners to swing round and be ready to meet her, and sure enough, in came the great black shadow again, but my little Welshman, being the most forward gun, fired a great stream into her—the tracer seeming to travel far too slowly.

There was a little lick of flame from the incoming shadow—then a big lick of flame, and she veered like a paper dart in a circle to the right and down-ward. She never got another bomb away, but dived with her engines going full and flaming. There was a flash and a big explosion, and then patches of burning on the sea.

A target

I couldn't tell what it was burning, but if there were any survivors, they didn't use their whistles, and as the flames were a target to be seen for miles around, the destroyer flattened her tail down and got away from the spot as fast as she could.

By this time we had reached well south along the Biscay shore, and in fact, had accomplished our mission. We knew the shore batteries were still manned, and from the cruiser came an order to go about ahead north again.

By daylight it could be seen that all three of us were going all out for home, but my young Canadian friend still doesn't know that a weird chapter of events had been his lot. He still thinks it happened that way every day.

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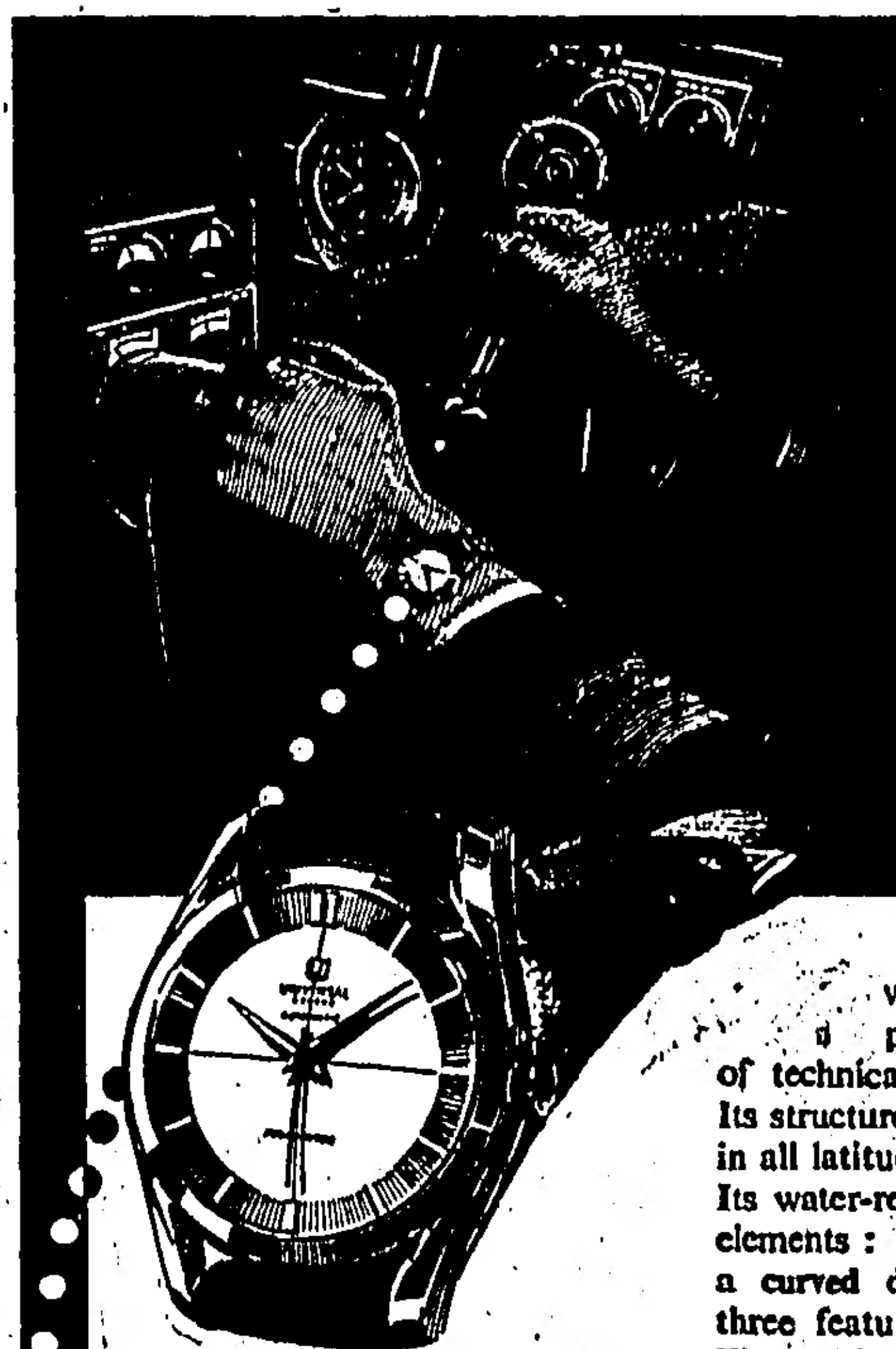
"Leaving tactics for a moment—I thought you might like to see a close-up of the gentleman who was calling you 'Big-Head,' 'Fairy-Foot' and so forth all through Saturday's match."

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• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

AS women's earrings grow heavier, their necks are disappearing into their shoulders. That noted jeweller, Timothy Shy, has suggested a remedy: let women wear their earrings in their noses; one, I presume, per nostril.

But what about eating? They would have to draw in their chins and leer each mouthful between the ornaments, or bring it round behind, and into the mouth at a rather attractive

angle. This would result in an Oriental side-glance, like that of the man who sells you a bit of brass in the bazaars of Stamboul. The strain on the nostrils would start many new nervous diseases, and might lead to lighter, smaller ornaments. A single earring, hanging down the back, would strike a new and daring note, especially for yachting.

El jolly old Dorado

IN places where an electronic ten-brain serves 45,000 cups of tea a minute, it has been found that, if a pretty girl is in charge of the brain, the queue of men moves too slowly. In a world of machinery it is pleasant to have a word with a pretty girl. Once improvement suggested is that only, hideous girls, badly dressed, should be in charge of the ten-brains. But when "auto-mation" is really established there will be no need for even an ugly girl to work. If machines can be invented which will make all the machines needed in modern industry, manual workers will be set free to live on the money collected in taxes from the rest of us. By the way, is it possible that industrial unrest is due to the fact that whatever you pay them, and whatever you do for them, people are no longer interested in their work?

Songs of Innocence

She took her calls sedately, then, With maiden modesty, Counted her bouquets—eight, nine, ten, Eleven, . . . You could see Tears of sheer joy begin to flow. The audience stamped the floor, And screamed and cheered. They did not know She'd bought the flowers next door.

Jewel of Asia

The horse can go where the motor-car cannot follow. (A horseman.)

UNLESS you emulate the eccentric who had his car drawn by a horse, to save the petrol. He called his horse Jewel of Asia, and when he stopped for a rest he hitched the reins to the steering wheel.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Six Bid Brought Narrow Escape

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT'S rather hard to stay out of six diamonds with today's hand. After West's pre-emptive overcall of two hearts, North can hardly pass with such tremendous diamond strength. (Some experts would pass, however, expecting to get another chance to bid later on). When North does switch to three diamonds, South is naturally off to the races. At any rate, the hand was bid to six diamonds with great speed and decision in a rubber bridge game at New York's famous Mayfair Bridge Club. The play needed more thought than the bidding, but it ended well since declarer was Eli Jay, well-known New York expert. West opened the ace of hearts, dropping Jay's king, and then shifted to a trump. It was now up to South to find a way to get rid of the losing spade. After some thought, declarer decided to play East for length and strength in both black suits.

NORTH				
♠ J 6 5				
♥ J 6 4				
♦ A Q J 10 5				
♣ 7 4				
WEST		EAST		
♠ 7 4 3		♠ Q 10 9 2		
♥ A Q 10 9 5 3		♥ 7 6 2		
♦ 6		♦ 7 3		
♣ J 8 2		♣ Q 10 9 0		
SOUTH (D)				
♠ A K 8				
♥ K				
♦ K 9 8 4 2				
♣ A K 5 3				
North-South vul.				
South	West	North	East	
1	2	3		Pass
4 N.T.	Pass	5		Pass
6	Pass	Pass		Pass
Opening lead—♥ A				

This seemed fairly likely, since West's bidding indicated a long heart suit with very little if any side strength.

In effect, therefore, Jay constructed a mental picture that very closely resembles the actual East-West hands. This was an important first step, but there was still a problem.

Declarer won the second trick with one of dummy's trumps, ruffed a heart, led a trump to dummy, ruffed dummy's last heart, cashed the top spade, ruffed a club in dummy, and then led both of dummy's remaining trumps. This brought everybody down to three cards. Unfortunately for East, he held three spades and the ace of clubs, with a discard suit to be made. Declarer had three spades and a club behind East. If East discarded a club, Jay's club would be good. If East, instead, discarded a spade, South would keep the three spades and take the last three tricks with the ace, king, and jack of spades.

CHARD SENSE

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart 1 Spade Pass Pass
Double Pass
You, South, hold:
♠ K J 8 5 ♥ 3 ♦ 9 7 4 2 ♣ K 8 5
What do you do?
A—Pass. Your hand will probably take four tricks against a spade contract, but may take only one or two at any other contract.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ K J 8 5 ♥ 3 ♦ 9 7 4 2 ♣ K 8 5
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

TARGET

E	I	D
L	N	O
N	D	A

small squares may be used only once. Each word must contain the letter in the centre.



"If you use inferior materials you get inferior results."

WOMANSENSE

New Outfit For Autumn



"Azutha," a brown tweed outfit from Meyer. All accessories from Dior.—Express Photo.

American Fashions For Russian Women?

New York. The idea first came to Mrs. Simpson when she read stories about the Russian farm experts touring Iowa farms.

"After all," she said, "women are as interested in clothes as farmers are in corn."

She really got into action about the time of the Geneva conference when she noted that only the Russian leaders didn't bring their wives.

"I suppose it's silly of me, but right away I wondered if they didn't come because they didn't have anything suitable to wear," Mrs. Simpson said.

She decided the one-designer fashion show idea should be expanded for a representative collection of several American designers. The clothes they should take, she emphasized, are pretty styles that could be adapted to Russian life, not extravagant ball gowns.

"I think the Russian women have an idea everything is sort of chichi over here anyway," she said. "I would like to talk

down the impression they might get from high fashion photographs. It would be a sort of American women in action fashion show.

"And I would not want to take professional models. One of the designers could take a housewife, another a secretary, and someone else a college student. Oh, and we should have a child. The Russian women are as happy as any other mothers to dress their children attractively.

READY

So far Mrs. Simpson had no definite offer of co-operation from the other designers she contacted or from the dress institute which is considering sponsoring the project. She hopes to get some help in arranging it from the State Department.

"I'll pay my share of the expenses," she said enthusiastically, "and I can be ready to go any time. I've already picked out the dresses I intend to take along."—United Press.

DEPRESSING

"First I thought I might do a one-designer thing," Mrs. Simpson explained in her beige-carpeted Seventh Avenue showroom.

"The eternal female—they are the same in Russia as they are here. Clothes that they make them look prettier would give the Russian women just as much of a lift as pictures. I've seen of Russian men show them to be fairly well dressed. And the women seem to have pretty enough faces, but their clothes are a little depressing."

Summer Buffet Salads

BUFFET style saves refrigerator desserts and iced beverages are all natural.

Much of the preparation can be done well in advance of the meal, which helps to keep the hostess and household happy and carefree.

Cold meats, a hearty salad, one warm dish, perhaps consommé, and a nice choice of relishes, with fruits, cookies,

Macaroni salads are nourishing and colorful. Made in the cool of the morning and set to chill in the refrigerator, these salads are popular now.

For a good mixture, prepare 8 oz. elbow macaroni according to package directions. Combine with 1 lb. creamed cottage cheese, 1/4 c. horse-radish, 1/4 c. sour cream, 1 1/2 c. chopped cooked broccoli, salt and pepper to taste. Mix well and chill thoroughly.

Next, a vegetable salad that is tasty and hearty, without being heavy.

Combine 3 oz. cooked elbow macaroni, 3/4 c. French dressing and 1 10-oz. package frozen green beans that have been cooked. Chill in refrigerator 1 hr.

Then add, mixing well, 4 oz. diced, sharp Cheddar cheese, 1/2 c. chopped celery, 1/4 c. each finely chopped onion and finely chopped sweet gherkins, 2 chopped, medium-sized tomatoes, 1/2 tsp. celery seed, 1/4 c. mayonnaise and freshly ground pepper to taste.

Chill thoroughly.

—ALICE DENHOFF

Paris Hat Shows Chinese Influence



"Annapurna," by George Orel, is a Chinese-inspired big cloche in maroon velvet and felt.—Agence France-Press.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

BORN today, you are one of those to whom spiritual values are far more important than material gains, fame or success. Literature, music, sciences and art are of especial interest and it is probable that you will have latent talent in at least one of these fields. You are also good at mathematics and this gift can be used to advantage as well.

Your sense for analysis is keen and you are able to weigh facts, pro and con, and come to fair and equitable decisions. Although you appear rather timid—even diffident, at times—you have a quiet persuasion which makes it possible for you to get co-operation from those with whom you work. Your major battle will be to put up a good fight against the forces that are overly aggressive. Always make a firm attempt to get what rightly belongs to you. Be a little more independent.

Devoted and loyal, you are extremely sympathetic and will go out of your way to be of

assistance to anyone you may call a friend. Your word is as good as your bond but you are not inclined to trust others as much as you should. Be less of a sceptic in this regard.

You are exceptionally popular with members of the opposite sex and probably will have several opportunities to wed. You of the fair sex know how to dress well and are fond of pretty clothes and personal adornment.

Among those born on this date: Lord Hore-Belisha, statesman; Emilio Castelar, astronomer; May McAvoy, Bertha Kalia, actresses; Anton Dvorak, composer; William A. Duer, educator; Ruth Elder, flyer; Joshua Leavitt, reformer; Francis Bowen, author; Siegfried Sassoon, poet.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—An ill relative may have first call upon your services. Be kind and considerate.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—You could plan to entertain at home this evening. Invite a group of close friends to dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A good reputation is of the utmost importance, so guard it well. Avoid gossip. Stand steadfast.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Make very careful and detailed plans for anything you do or you may face some opposition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—This can prove an emotional day but try to keep everything under control wherever possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't deviate from your normal routine today. Your regular environment is the most favorable.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Check your budget and figure out which is your most necessary purchase and then hunt for a bargain.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You may have a pleasant surprise in store for today; one of the happiest days in your life.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Stick closely to routine and you should be successful. The morning hours may be very eventful.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If you will take good advice today, you could find that it will be of great help in the future.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If you are concerned over business matters, seek competent advice on some point at issue.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—The advice of an older person

SALT BEATS THE HEAT

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

PLENTY of water and salt—unless you have a condition that makes your doctor advise against it—that is the secret for beating the heat and humidity which crumples many of us during these hot summer days.

If you're young and healthy, you probably can withstand just about any climatic heat you're likely to encounter, providing you take adequate amounts of water and salt. If you're older, this is even more important.

Those hot rays from the sun can cause sunburn all right, but they will not cause heat stroke if heat is dissipated properly from your body.

Of course, you should avoid overexposure to the sun. And

of fluids for comfort. A man doing hard, physical work may consume more.

Probably, the best way to make sure you get enough water is by a sort of "force feeding" method. Set up a drinking schedule and drink a glass of water at regular intervals whether or not you are thirsty.

Increased loss of salt through sweating can cause a severe reaction. In a few cases, it might even be fatal. To counteract this loss you should salt your foods abundantly. If you can't get enough salt that way, you'll probably have to take salt tablets.

In very hot weather you might for comfort need a daily ration as high as three-quarters of an ounce of salt. Don't try any self-imposed low sodium diets during the hot weather.

On extremely hot days, you may need to drink eight glasses

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

About Shooting Stars

—Where Are They Going as They Streak By?—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were standing by the window looking out into the garden. It was already late at night, a clear beautiful night. Millions of stars sparkled in the sky.

"Look!" shouted Knarf at once, as he pointed up into the sky. "Look at it! Got a shooting star!"

Hanid lifted her eyes just in time to see the streak of silvery light flashing across the sky. "I wonder where they go to," Knarf said, a few minutes later. "They shoot across the sky—and disappear. What happens to them?"

At this moment, Knarf and Hanid remembered that their friend Mr. Punch had often said that if they ever wanted any information, they should not hesitate to come to him.

"Mr. Punch will know what happens to shooting stars," Hanid said.

Reading A Book

So they went to see their friend Mr. Punch. They found him lying in bed in his pyjamas with his head propped upon several pillows. He was reading a book.

"Glad to answer your questions about shooting stars, my dears," he said. "Just sit yourselves down on the edge of the bed. Now what is it you would like to know about shooting stars?"

He shut his book and pushed his glasses down to the tip of his nose. He smiled.

"We'd like to know what happens to shooting stars. They shoot across the sky and disappear," said Knarf.

"I do hope you know about shooting stars," said Hanid.

"I know exactly what happens to them," said Mr. Punch. "They fall in a well."

"A well?" exclaimed Knarf and Hanid.

A Deep Well

"This well is in the middle of a deep wood," said Mr. Punch. "It's half-way between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and half-way between the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska. If you look hard enough, you'll have no trouble finding it."

"Is this all true?" Knarf asked Mr. Punch, as he looked at his old friend doubtfully.



The shadows saw a shooting star.

I guess Mr. Punch didn't hear Knarf. He went right on talking.

"As a matter of fact, my dears, there are many wells and woods all over the country where shooting stars fall after they finish shooting. But the interesting thing is what happens to the shooting stars after they fall in the wells."

"What does happen to them?" Hanid asked, not trying to hide her eagerness.

"Just this," said Mr. Punch. "The fireflies and the glow-worms come along with little nets and fish the pieces of the shooting stars out. Then off they go with the shining pieces. That's why fire-flies flicker and glow-worms glow. They've all got pieces of shooting stars which they've fished up out of wells in the middle of woods. Does that answer your questions?"

Knarf and Hanid couldn't be sure whether it did or not. Mr. Punch seemed to know all the answers but where were these wells? Where were these woods? Only Mr. Punch knew.

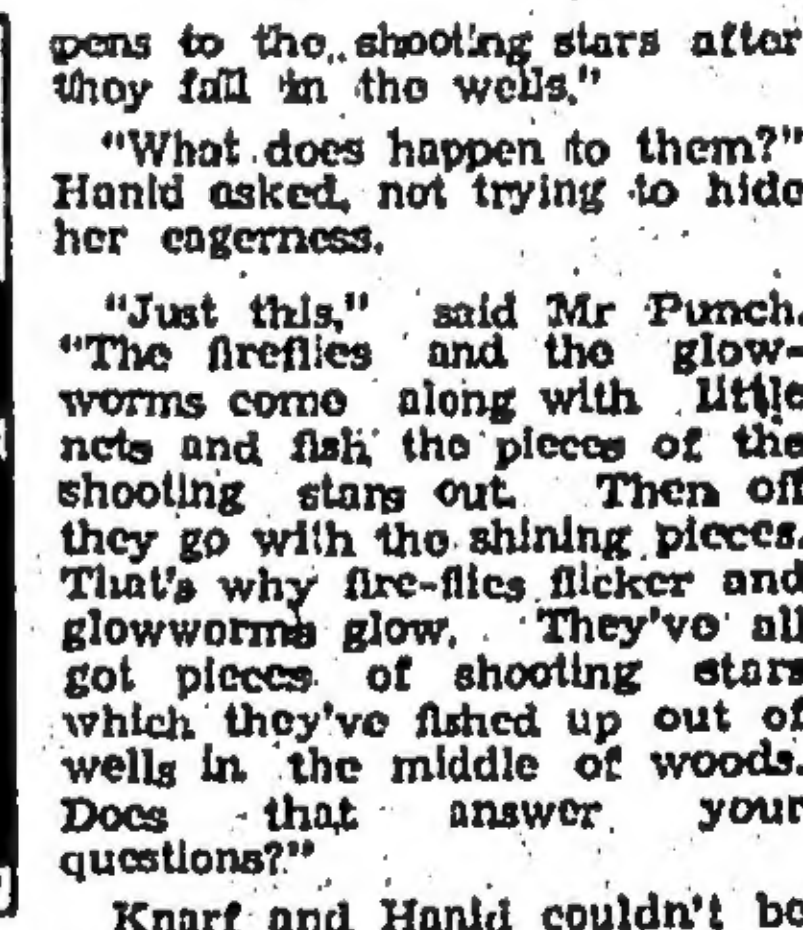
"Some day," said Mr. Punch, "you must ask me to tell you the story of how I once rode on a shooting star."

And he chuckled as he opened his book and went on reading.

Rupert and Dinkie—14



For some time there is no sign of Tigerlily. Then as he nears the bottom of the slope Rupert sees her walking slowly. "Hello, she has turned round, and is coming towards me," he says. "Tigerlily, there's trouble up the hill. Jerry's cat is missing. Do all right, Tigerlily."



A plain morning dress in thin white pleated grey wool knitwear striped in white. It has a white yoked collar. By Mirra of Milan.

Household Hints

To remove oily spots, dry cleaning fluids are better than water or water-and-cleaner solutions. Oily substances, if not brushed, take a stubborn hold on dust and dirt, so be persistent in efforts to remove these spots.

Fruit requires less sugar if the sweetener is added at the end of cooking time.

Cheese which has become too dry for most uses can be grated and used to add flavour and food value to spaghetti, macaroni or soups.

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CHARLOTTE BRONTE'S NOVELS

Contribution In Volume Was Small But Her Name Lingers On

By Phyllis Bentley

It is a hundred years since Charlotte Bronte died in Haworth Parsonage. Charlotte's life was brief—her age was thirty-nine—and the volume of her work was not large; she wrote only four novels and a handful of unimportant verses. But her writings and her personality seem full of life today.

The Parsonage at Haworth, now a museum, received more than forty thousand visitors last year.

So frequent indeed and so favourable are the references to her in contemporary English life that it is well worth while to enquire into the nature of her contribution to English literature and the reason of its vitality today.

To understand fully the nature of Charlotte's writings we must notice the time and place in which they were composed. Though her parentage was Celtic, her father being Irish and her mother Cornish, she was born and lived all but a few years of her life, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, a hilly northern region engaged at that period in making the transition from an age-old hand-weaving trade to a highly mechanized manufacture.

Before the coming of the Industrial Revolution, Haworth was a small weaving village planted on a hillside amid wild and sombre moors.

New Class

During Charlotte's life-time steam-driven mills sprang up in the valley below, and in northern England generally a new millowning middle class rose towards a wealth and social importance far exceeding that possible to the ordinary English clergy, of whom Charlotte's father was one.

This new middle class was at its worst proud and ignorant; at its best it desired improved educational facilities for its children. All these various factors helped to mould Charlotte's novels, together with her attempts to teach and her one great adventure abroad and into love, in Brussels.

Modern research has put into our hands a fresh tool for the probing of Charlotte's motivation. As children the Brontes wrote, in tiny handwritten in tiny books, masses of stories depicting the imaginary worlds of their daydream invention.

The American scholar Miss Fannie Elizabeth Scholer has recently transcribed upwards of a hundred of these tiny booklets, and Charlotte's longing for love is revealed in the many affairs of her favourite the Duke of Zamorna.

A perusal of these little booklets enables us to understand Charlotte's aim in writing her first novel, *The Professor*.

The Result

She had recently composed a kind of faraway address to her daydream world of Angria. From its "burning clime" of romance she now turned with determination to the sober grey tints of real life.

The result is an almost saturnian realism. Her hero, Crimsworth, is plain, spectacled, an obscure teacher of English in Brussels; the heroine Frances Henri is "girlish but not striking"; their child is quite formidably unattractive.

The Belgian headmaster and headmistress are cynical, mercenary and sensual; the pupils are sordid little horrors. But Crimsworth and Frances are persons of high integrity; and so here we have already a first sketch of Charlotte's special theme: the contention that men and women may have noble souls and ardent passions, and have a right to such souls and such passions, even though they are insignificant in status and appearance. (It was no doubt her admiration for her Belgian professor, Constantin Heger, which had turned Charlotte's interest from dukes to schoolmasters with chalk on their fingers.)

Refused

The *Professor* was refused nine times and not published until after Charlotte's death. Very different was the fate of her next novel, the famous *Jane Eyre*, which on its pub-

lication in 1847 was at once acclaimed by both critics and public and has remained immensely popular ever since. The same theme, the struggle of the intelligent, noble, passionate soul in a cold mercenary brutal world, is presented here in a thrilling story, and with a completely successful fusion between romance and realism.

Poor little orphaned Jane, despoiled by her aunt's harsh, cold, unhappy at school, an insignificant little governess to Mr Rochester's illegitimate daughter, inspires the love of that proud and dominating man by her noble spirit. The superb scene where Rochester discloses Jane by saying she must leave his house, and then asks her to marry him, gives the key to the whole book, for Jane cries passionately:

"Do you think I am a machine without feelings? Do you think, because I am poor, obscure, plain, and little, I am soulless and heartless? You think wrong!—I have as much soul as you, and full as much heart. And if God has gifted me with some beauty and much wealth, I should have made it as hard for you to leave me, as it is now for me to leave you."

The rather melodramatic romance of the mad wife, the fire, the cry heard from afar, and so on, is held down by a garb of Yorkshire realism in the details of the incidents.

Suffers A Little

Shirley (1849) has an especial interest as one of the first three industrial novels in English fiction. This story of the textile workers' riots against the new machinery is Charlotte's most Yorkshire production; it presents in Hiram Yorke a thoroughly typical specimen of the new Yorkshire millowner, earthy, ironical, and independent.

The book suffers a little in construction by its diffusion of interest between the two heroines, Shirley the frank proud intelligent heiress, and the dependent Caroline who suffers the pangs of unrequited love in silence, longing for some useful work to occupy her heart and hand.

If Shirley is Charlotte's most Yorkshire, Villette (1853) is her most Celtic production. Lucy Snowe's adventures in the Brussels school closely follow Charlotte's own life, and the terrible anguish and intensity of Charlotte's own feeling. Lucy is indeed a superb portrayal of Charlotte's favourite character (drawn from herself of course) the erudite, lonely, self-supporting woman. The other main personages, amiable Mme. Beck and honest clever fussy M. Paul Emanuel, are, with Lucy, masterpieces of characterisation, highly original and drawn with a deeply incisive pen.

Charlotte's novels form a literary unit with a well-defined pattern. Their range of scene is confined to the schoolroom and the parlour, Brussels and Yorkshire.

All but Shirley are told in the first person.

A Pattern

The love-story in each follows the "master-pupil" pattern which was Charlotte's own. The theme which they all share has already been indicated. Their stories are original and firmly designed, and they are narrated with such overwhelming intensity that the reader is swept along on the throbbing tide.

The blend of Celtic fervour and Yorkshire realism, with the loneliness and interiority induced by her position as governess, under prevailing conditions gave Charlotte's work a poignant, pungent, troubling quality which is unique in English literature and still excites.

Her fierce little heroines, girls of ordinary station, self-supporting, self-respecting, are faced by problems which are still highly relevant to the Englishwoman's life today.

Stockport, Sept. 7.
 A 16-year-old boy, who was found not guilty here today of a serious offence against a 15-year-old girl, was said by police to be married with one child.

The boy said he was in business on his own account as a scrap merchant.—China Mail Special.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting show below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcels can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

By Air
 Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
 By Surface
 Macao, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

By Air
 Thailand, Burma, India, 8 a.m.
 Formosa, Japan, Korea, 10 a.m.
 Philippines, 3 p.m.
 Formosa, 5 p.m.
 Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface
 Philippines, 6 p.m.
 Korea, 8 p.m.
 Japan, 9 p.m.
 U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.

By Surface
 China, People's Republic, 930 a.m.

Thailand, 11 a.m.
 Indonesia, Noon.
 Macao, 2 p.m.
 Korea, 4 p.m.

By Surface
 Macao, 6 p.m.

By Surface
 Seychelles, Br. East Africa (N. & S. Rhodesia and Mozambique, P.P. via Beira), 11 a.m.

By Surface
 Indo-China, 11 a.m.

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, Noon.

Philippines, 2 p.m.

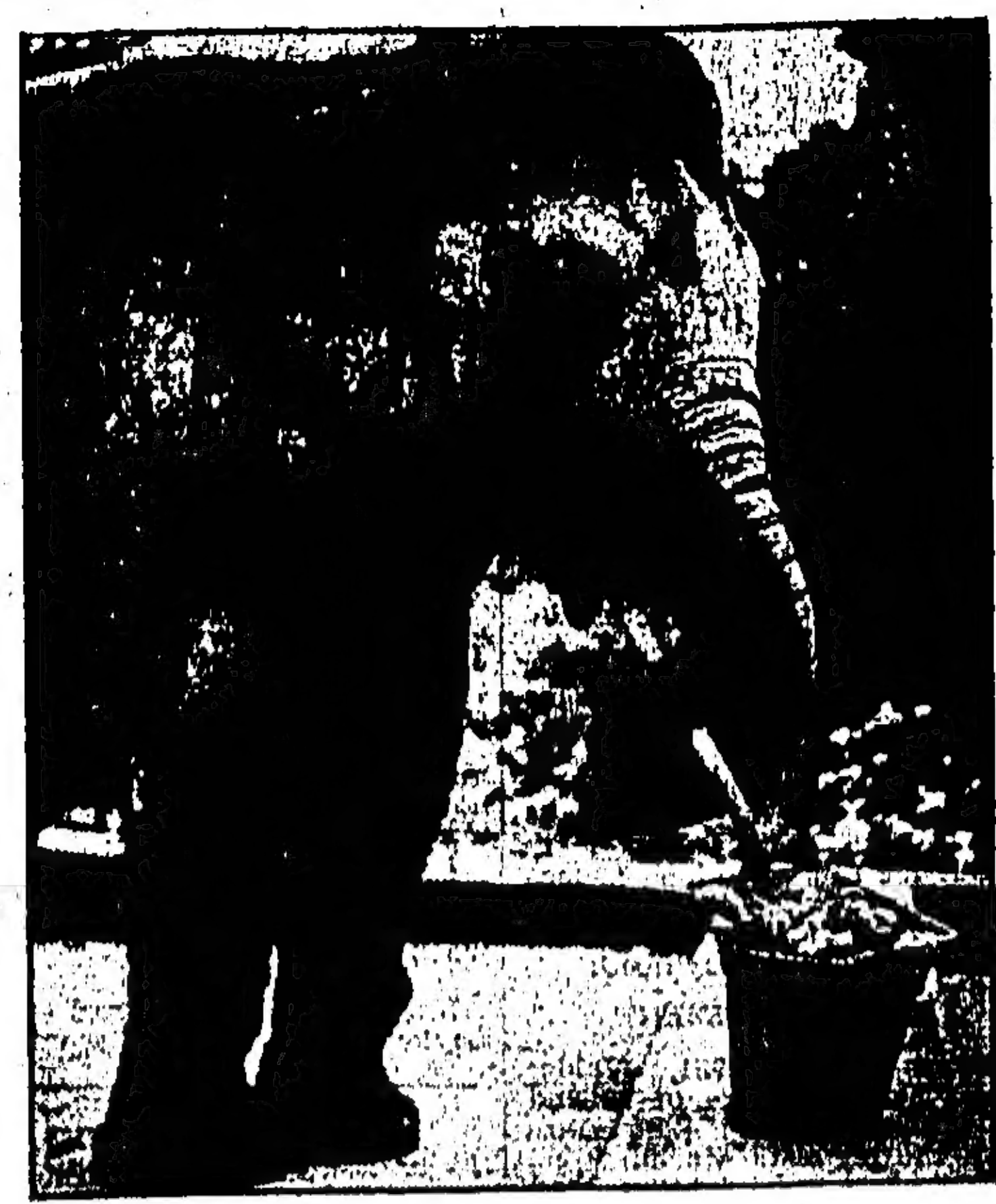
Formosa, 5 p.m.

Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.

By Surface
 Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

Formosa, 6 p.m.

Rusty Busy 'Stoking Up'



What else can a hungry elephant do but take its feed by the shovel? At least, that's the view of Rusty, the Ceylon elephant, who helps herself from the bucket of potatoes at the London Zoo.—Reuterphoto.

Hindu Wedding In London

London, Sept. 7.
 Five hundred guests at London's Chelsea Town Hall this evening witnessed the Hindu religious ceremony of the wedding of 22-year-old Sarojini Naidoo with Dr. Ramesh Dwarakdas of Madras, who has just completed his post-graduate studies in dentistry here. Mr. Usharubudh Arya from the Hindu Association of Europe officiated as priest.

The bride, a London law student, is the daughter of a prominent Indian businessman of Durban, South Africa, Mr. Govindasamy Naidoo. The civil marriage was registered at the Kensington Registry Office this morning.—China Mail Special.

SOUTH STAFFS IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, Sept. 7.
 About 100 men of the First Battalion the South Staffordshire Regiment arrived at Famagusta from the Suez Canal Zone this afternoon in the steamship *Evian Gibb*.

They will be available for security duties in the mountainous regions of the island.—Reuter.

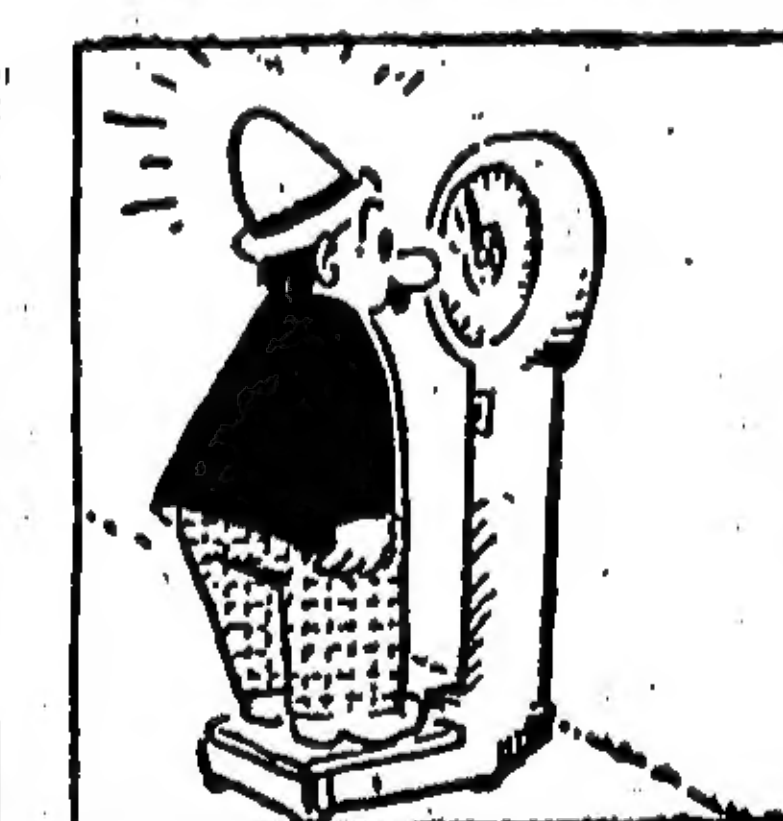
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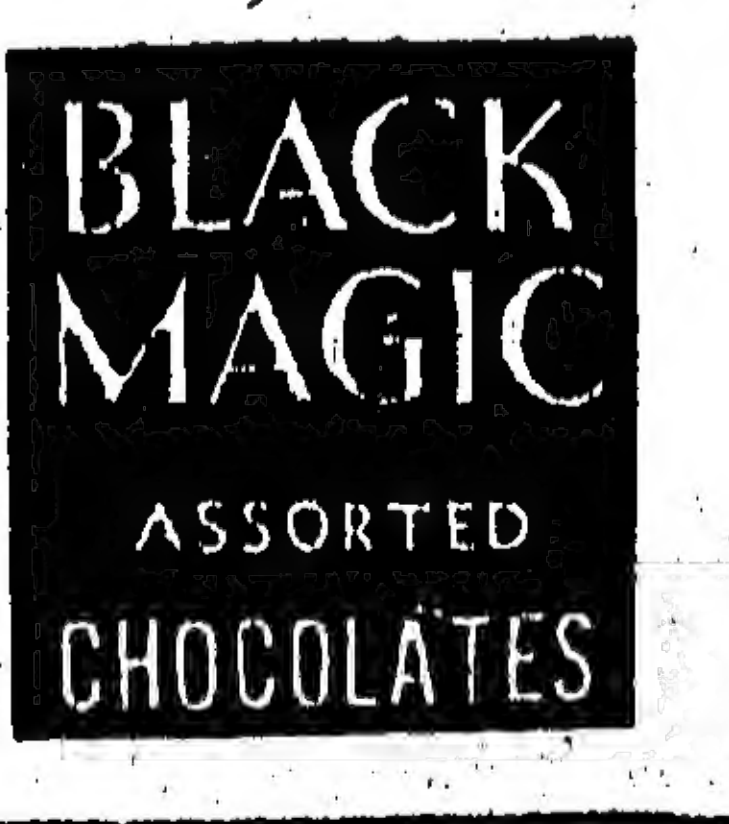
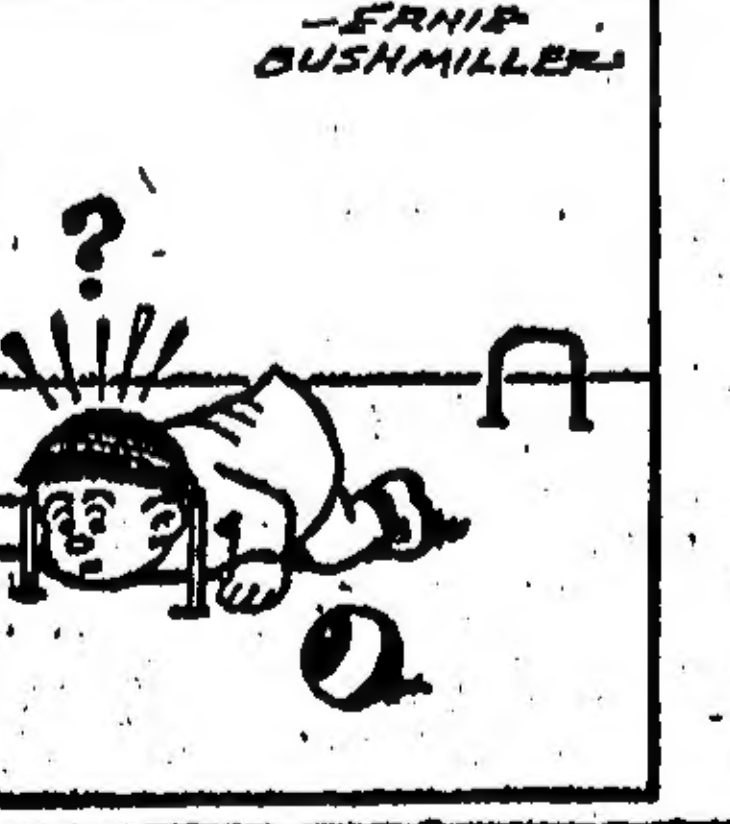
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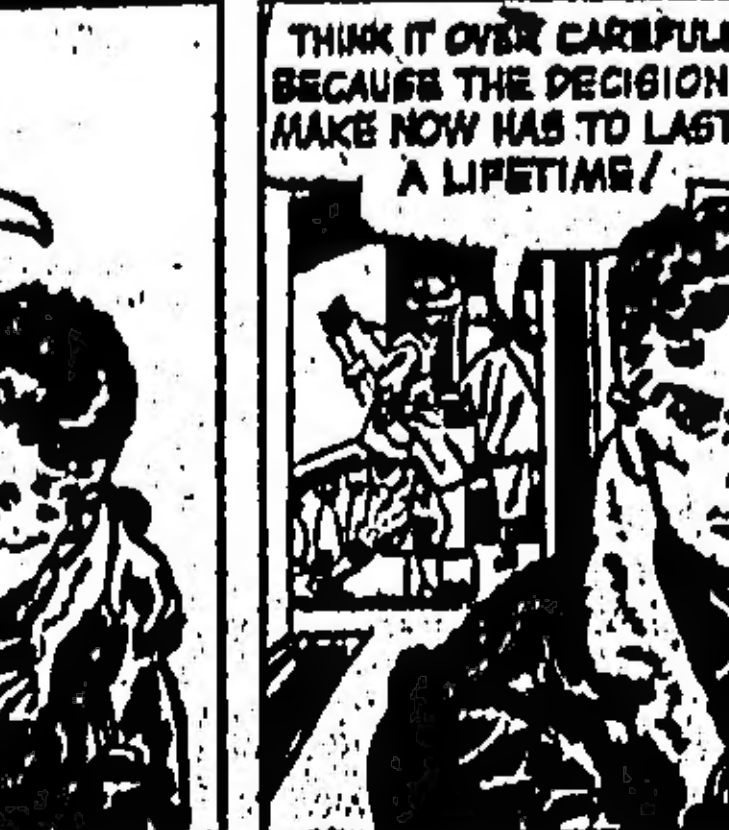
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By Ernie Bushmiller



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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Record-breaking Oil Investment

TIFFANY
AND CO.
SOLD

New York, Sept. 7. Control of Tiffany and Co., famous jewellery firm founded 118 years ago with a \$1,000 loan, has been bought for \$3,825,000 by its Fifth Avenue next door neighbour, the Bonwit Teller Specialty Store.

Announcement of the purchase was made by Mr. Walter Hoving, President of the Hoving Corp., which owns Bonwit Teller, and Mr. Louis D. Moore, Tiffany President and a direct descendant of one of the firm's founders.

Mr. Moore said members of the Moore and Tiffany families, which have controlled the company since its founding, agreed to sell their total of 68,000 shares to Hoving for \$50.25 a share.

The company has a total of 132,451 shares of stock outstanding, Mr. Moore said.

East Side

The two stores housing Tiffany and Bonwit occupy the east side of Fifth Avenue from 50th to 57th Street, in the heart of the avenue's famed shopping district.

Tiffany, which now employs a staff of 617, was founded in 1837 by Charles Lewis Tiffany and John B. Young, with \$1,000 borrowed from Mr. Tiffany's father. The store has had five buildings, having been at its present site since 1940. There have been only four presidents.

The firm exhibits daily the famous Tiffany diamonds, purchased in 1870. It manufactures all of its own jewellery and silverware.—United Press.

NEW SWISS
LOANS TO
ITALIANS

Milan, Sept. 7. The Milan financial newspaper 24 Ore states that it has learned from a Swiss source that new Swiss franc loans to Italian companies will be announced shortly.

One of these loans is reported to be for the Calce Petroleum Company for 30 million Swiss francs. At the beginning of October, it was reported, there will be a loan to the Pirelli Company of 50 million Swiss francs at 4½ per cent interest for 15 years with the option to Pirelli of repaying the loan after eight years. The price of the issue will be at par.

The two issues will be quoted, it is reported, on the Geneva, Bern, Zurich and Basle Stock Exchanges.—China Mail Special.

LONDON METAL
PRICES

London, Sept. 7. The tin market was steady while other metals were also steady. Prices closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	Buyers	Sellers
Tin spot	72 1/2	74 1/2
3-month	72 1/2	74 1/2
Copper spot	400	402
3-month	398	400
Lead 1st half Sept.	107 1/2	108
Lead 2nd half Sept.	107 1/2	108
Zinc 1st half Sept.	80 1/2	81 1/2
Zinc 2nd half Sept.	80 1/2	81 1/2

—United Press.

NEW YORK METAL
FUTURES

New York, Sept. 7. Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead	September	14.75
	October	14.75
Tin	September	34.50
	October	34.00
Copper	September	12.25
	October	12.40
Zinc	September	31.25
	October	30.60
—United Press		

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1955.

SHEAFFER'S
ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Change Of Plan By James

HE was a visitor to London. His name was James, and what brought him here was the hope of finding a job that would at least be an improvement, at work he had been doing in Glasgow, his home town.

James had always in the past set strict limits to his movements and to the jobs that were open to him. In a way, his journey to London was a challenge, an act of defiance of the restricting circumstances.

Within a few hours of his arrival here, James, a bronzed, cheerful-looking man of 44, found himself in a public-house by Victoria Station.

FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN

JAMES ordered a beer, and as he drank listened to the talk going on around him. He heard an accent that was unmistakably Scottish, then heard another Scot talking. He moved towards the voices that reminded him so pleasantly of home.

The group James joined seemed delighted to make him welcome. He might have enjoyed their company for a long evening, but he remembered that he had not come to London just to drink with men from Glasgow. The money he had was limited and the job he hoped for was not yet in the bag.

James took his leave from his friends. They saw him to the inn's swing door, then left him to do battle with London on his own.

ROUGH CROSSING

FOR a stranger, London is always at first confusing. It was more so for James than most. He found himself after a few minutes in a street by coach station, and there, every time he took to the pavement, he had to scurry back again as a coach outward-bound roared by him.

At last there seemed to be a lull. James left the safety of the kerb once more. But the lull had been only momentary. Coaches seemed suddenly to be coming at him from all directions. The air became full of the sound of screeching brakes and electric horns.

RELIEF

IT was a relief almost to James when a policeman took his arm and said: "I'm arresting you for being drunk; come along with me."

At Marlborough Street, in the morning, James pleaded guilty to the charge, and said to the magistrate, Mr. Paul Bennett, VC: "I'm just like to thank the police for the way they looked after me. I thank them very kindly."

He smiled and turned his head towards his rescuers. The magistrate asked him why he had come to London. James explained his former plans. But he'd like to go home now," he added and grinned.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

"WHY did you only have 3s. 1d. on you," the magistrate asked him. "You're not down and out, are you?" and certainly James did not look that.

"Oh, no," he answered, "I'd just been spending on drink, a bit."

"Well, we shall do what we can to help you," said Mr. Bennett, and calling for his probation officer, said: "If this man really wants to go back to Scotland, pay his fare, and give him some pocket money for the journey." He turned again to James. "Don't you go drinking too much more," he said. "There might be an accident, you know."

"Aye, aye, Mr. Bennett," said James, nodding. "I thank you very kindly for everything. I'd like to thank everyone." He looked around the court with comprehension. He thanked none of those who had helped him, whom he knew only by their voices. James was totally blind.

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Red China And UN

US Will Oppose Admission

Washington, Sept. 8. The United States does not intend to soften its opposition against admission of Communist China to the United Nations during the coming session, irrespective of the talks now going on in Geneva, informed sources said today.

It appears certain, on the basis of current thinking in Washington, that the United States will oppose a seat for China when the United Nations General Assembly gets under way later this month just as strenuously as it has in previous years.

On the other hand, United States officials now acknowledge privately a follow-up by China to the release of the American civilians on Tuesday, with agreement on the release of the remaining Americans still in China, would certainly augur well for better understanding between the two nations.

CLEARING THE WAY

Washington looks with some hope to the next meeting on Saturday in Geneva between Mr. Alexis Johnson, the United States representative, and Mr. Wang Ping-nan of China, to make further progress towards final agreement on the return of civilians on both sides.

This, it is understood, would be regarded here as a clearing of the way for the second item on the two-point Geneva agenda, namely, "the other practical matters at issue between the two sides."

United States officials declined to say to-day what special issues the United States would like to raise under this item of the agenda.

But, it was learned on good authority, that:

1. The United States would not begin consideration of other matters until full agreement on the return of civilians had been reached.

2. The United States would look with great interest to what subsequent proposals China might put forward, but Washington did not regard the return of items of diplomatic recognition and a seat in the United Nations for China as the next order of business.

FULL SUPPORT

Britain, Australia and other Commonwealth countries were believed to be giving the United States whole-hearted backing on this issue.

The United States and its friends would like to discuss the return of all United Nations personnel captured during the Korean fighting ahead of most other issues.

The United States is as yet uncommitted on the possibility of raising the level of negotiations with China to a meeting of foreign secretaries between Mr. John Foster Dulles, of the United States, and Mr. Chou En-lai of China.

But the view among many diplomatic observers here was that the United States would give serious consideration to such a meeting if China agreed to a mutual declaration renouncing the use of force in settling differences, possibly along the lines of the United Nations charter declaration.

Nocturnal Thief Caught In Street

The CID of Tientsin are waging war against burglars in that district. Special action is being taken in an attempt to clear the area of nocturnal intruders who have been pestering residents more than usual of late.

Early this morning the Police made a capture. A party of detectives caught a man at 4 a.m. in Prat Avenue. He was carrying a fan and also had three fountain pens on him, property belonging to Army Sergeant. Hawke living on the first floor of No 17 Prat Avenue. The Police believe their captive might help them to solve a few of the burglaries which have taken place in Tientsin.

RUNAWAY CAR HITS TREE



8 Months For Burglar

Facing two charges of housebreaking and larceny from a dwelling, Chan Hoi, 30, an unemployed Chinese of no fixed abode, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Accused was alleged to have stolen a gold pocket watch, a Parker pen, two ball pens and \$250 cash from the residence of Dr. Skinnies at the Hongkong University.

Det. Sub-Inspr Kwong told the court that on July 10, Dr. Skinnies made a telephone call to the police station saying that some unknown person had entered his residence between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. Detectives were sent to investigate. As a result of finger print checks and other enquiries, the defendant was arrested at Kam Wah Street on September 6.

Later, accused took policemen to two pawnshops where they recovered the Parker pen and one of the ball pens. The rest of the stolen property was not recovered.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the charges, but in mitigation, said that he had a sick mother to support, and since he could find no means of earning his living, he had to resort to stealing as a last resort. He asked for leniency.

Accused had 12 previous convictions.

Cyprus Trouble Feared

(Continued from Page 1)

police this morning to head off any further trouble in the wake of demonstrations at Izmir and Salonika.

In another development, judges and lawyers refused to enter the island courts this morning because of a British order requiring that they be searched. The order was rescinded.

Communique

London, Sept. 7. British, Greece and Turkey tonight suspended their conference on Cyprus after failing to reach agreement on the future of the island.

A Foreign Office communique said that the conference "stands suspended" pending study of a solution to the Cyprus problem proposed by Britain.

Greece today gave a provisional reply to the British proposals and Turkey a "full and definitive" reply.

The communique said: "The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Macmillan, undertook before making any further proposal to study these statements and to await the full reply of the Greek Government. He also undertook to make the Turkish Government's statement. Meanwhile the tripartite conference on the Eastern Mediterranean and Cyprus which has been meeting in London since August 29 stands suspended."—France-Press.

A runaway car with no driver zig-zagged down Old Bailey this morning, hit two of the eight cars parked on one side of the road, and ended its journey against a tree 100 yards down.

The freak accident was the result of a collision on Caine Road. The car, No. HK9189, driven by Lee Yuen-man, was turning right into Old Bailey from Caine Road when it came into collision with another car which was turning left into Old Bailey from the opposite direction in Caine Road. The driver of this latter car was on a test. Lee immediately got out of his car to see whether any damage had been done. But the other car reversed and before Lee could stop it, his car slid down the steep incline, knocking into every third car down the line until it crashed into the tree.

Damage was done to the right mudguard of Lee's car, but no one was injured. Picture (above) by staff photographer.

DRUG ADDICT FINED \$1,500

A fine of \$1,500 or 10 months was imposed on 70-year-old Lui Kwal when he was found guilty of possessing an opium pipe and six tools of prepared opium.

The prosecution told the court that Sub-Inspr. P. S. Cheung, acting on information received in Lee Yuen Street, with other officers and policemen, found the drugs lying on a bed in the rear cubicle of the house. Defendant pleaded guilty, and said he had been a drug addict for the past 20 years.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 8 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary. 8.15 p.m. Hour presented by Robert Acheson (Studio). 8.30. Portuguese Hit Hour (Studio). 9.00. Music and Jukebox. Excerpts from the Rodgers and Hammerstein Musical Play, sung by the Broadway Production. 9.15. Weather Report. 9.30. Time Signal and the News (London Relay). 9.35. Commentary (London Relay) of Special Announcements. 9.45. The Comedians. 10.00. Orchestra of Radio Berlin, cond. by Arthur Rothert. 10.30. Journey into Space. 11.00. Music and Jukebox. 11.15. Time Signal. 11.30. What's the Record? (Recollections of the 1940s). 11.45. The Opera. "Die Schöne Galathea" (The Beautiful Galathea) (Supper). 12.00. Music and Jukebox. 12.15. Vienna State Philharmonic cond. by Hans Hagen. 12.30. Edinburgh 1955. 12.45. Music and Jukebox. 1.00. 9th International Festival of Music Drama and the Arts (London Relay). 1.05. Guy Luper and his Orchestra. 1.10. Weather Report. 1.15. The Rt. Hon. A. T. Lennox-Boyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies, Broadcast in International Press Conference (Recorded London Relay). God Save The Queen. 1.30. Close Down.

3 p.m. Romantic Cyrenaica. 3.30. Novelties. 4.00. Vocalists. 4.15. Tea-time Rendezvous. 4.30. Weekly Young People's Concert. 4.45. Children's Corner. 5.00. Latin American rhythm. 5.15. Western music. 5.30. Teen-ages. 5.45. Music and Jukebox. 6.00. Behind the Melody. 6.15. The Melody. 6.30. The Melody. 6.45. The Melody. 7.00. The Melody. 7.15. The Melody. 7.30. The Melody. 7.45. The Melody. 8.00. The Melody. 8.15. The Melody. 8.30. The Melody. 8.45. The Melody. 9.00. The Melody. 9.15. The Melody. 9.30. The Melody. 9.45. The Melody. 10.00. The Melody. 10.15. The Melody. 10.30. The Melody. 10.45. The Melody. 11.00. The Melody. 11.15. The Melody. 11.30. The Melody. 11.45. The Melody. 12.00. The Melody. 12.15. The Melody. 12.30. The Melody. 12.45. The Melody. 1.00. The Melody. 1.15. The Melody. 1.30. The Melody. 1.45. The Melody. 2.00. The Melody. 2.15. The Melody. 2.30. The Melody. 2.45. The Melody. 3.00. The Melody. 3.15. The Melody. 3.30. The Melody. 3.45. The Melody. 4.00. 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